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SUBJ: DISARMAMENT SOVIET RESOLUTION ON ENVIRONMENT MODIFICATION (ENMOD)

1. FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON SOVIET ENMOD RES.

2. ROSHCHIN (USSR) TOLD MARTIN (US) SHORTLY BEFORE FIRST COMMITTEE SESSION NOV 12 THAT SOV DEL COULD NOT ACCEPT US-PROPOSED CHANGES IN ENMOD RES. MARTIN REPLIED THAT THIS WAS DISTURBING NEWS AS HE FELT THAT SOVIET ATTITUDE WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS IN ENMOD FIELD.

3. SHORTLY AFTERWARD, AT CLOSE OF BRIEF FIRST COMMITTEE SESSION, CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT CO-SPONSORS WERE READY TO HAVE VOTE ON RES NOV 14. MARTIN (US) AND YANGO (PHILIPPINES) REQUESTED MORE TIME, LATTER ON GROUNDS THAT HIS DEL WAS PREPARING AMENDMENTS TO RES. INDEPENDENTLY
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OF PHILIPPINE ACTIVITY, SEVERAL DELS (AUSTRIA, AUSTRALIA,

CANADA, ITALY, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN AND UK) MET AFTER TODAY'S SESSION AND AGREED TO TRY TO DEVELOP REVISIONS FOR RES, WHICH THEY HOPED COULD BE SUPPORTED BY PHILIPPINES. SWEDES AND CANADIANS SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD US THAT THEY HAVE NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER THEY WOULD PRESS FOR AMENDMENTS ON FLOOR IF CO-SPONSORS RESIST CHANGES; THEIR IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE IS TO PERSUADE SOVS TO ACCEPT SOME CHANGES BY RAISING PROSPECT OF SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF ABSTENTIONS IF RES IS VOTED IN PRESENT FORM.

4. SWEDES AND CANADIANS TOLD US LATER THAT THEY HAD BEEN UNAWARE OF PHILIPPINE INTEREST IN AMENDING SOV RES BEFORE THEY HEARD YANGO'S ANNOUNCEMENT DURING COMMITTEE SESSION. YANGO WOULD LIKE TO MODIFY FOURTH PREAMBULAR PARA OF SOV RES, AFTER "ENVIRONMENT," SO THAT PARA WOULD CONCLUDE AS FOLLOWS: "AND MODIFY OR MODERATE CLIMATE SOLELY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS." YANGO ALSO WANTS TO ADD NEW OP PARA REQUESTING SYG, WITH ASSISTANCE OF EXPERTS AND APPROPRIATE AGENCIES, TO PREPARE REPORT ON "PRESENT STATUS OF PROGRESS OF TECHNOLOGY THAT COULD INFLUENCE THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT."

5. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SWEDES RECENTLY SUGGESTED REVISIONS OF THEIR OWN TO SOVS, WHICH SOVIETS TURNED DOWN. SWEDES REPORTEDLY PROPOSED DELETING "INCOMPATIBLE WITH MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, HUMAN WELL-BEING, AND HEALTH" IN THIRD PREAMBULAR AND IN OP PARAS 1 AND 5. IN SAME PARAS SWEDES WOULD INSERT "HOSTILE" SO PARAS WOULD REFER TO "MILITARY AND OTHER HOSTILE PURPOSES."

5. AT POST-SESSION MEETING OF INTERESTED DELS (PARA 3 ABOVE) AUSTRIA, SWEDEN AND CANADA WERE DESIGNATED AS DRAFTING GROUP TO PREPARE CONCRETE CHANGES IN SOV RES, TO BE CIRCULATED TOMORROW AFTERNOON.
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